

June 6, 2019

The Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York  
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse  
40 Foley Square, Room 2201  
New York, NY 10007

RE: Plaintiffs' letter-motion to exceed page limit in *State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Dep't of Health & Human Servs., et al.*, 19 Civ. 4676 (PAE).

Dear Judge Engelmayer,

Pursuant to Rule 3(I) of the Court's Individual Rules and Practices, Plaintiffs file this letter-motion to seek an extension of the page limit for their opening memorandum of law in support of their forthcoming motion for preliminary injunction in this action.

Plaintiffs are 23 states, cities, and counties challenging a final rule that was issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on May 21, 2019. *See* Compl. (Dkt. 3). Plaintiffs' complaint asserts six claims for relief and alleges that the final rule violates several statutory and constitutional provisions, including the Administrative Procedure Act and the Spending Clause of the United States Constitution. *Id.* ¶¶ 159-201.

Plaintiffs intend to file a motion for preliminary injunction shortly to seek provisional relief in advance of the final rule's July 22, 2019 effective date. Rule 3(C) of the Court's Individual Rules and Practices provides for a limit of 25 pages for Plaintiffs' opening memorandum, absent prior permission. Plaintiffs file this letter-motion to seek the Court's leave to file an opening memorandum of up to 55 pages, in light of the length and complexity of the final rule at issue, the number of statutory and constitutional claims alleged in the complaint, and the need to provide sufficient factual and legal context for Plaintiffs' challenges.

Plaintiffs have conferred with counsel for Defendants regarding this request. Defendants have represented that they agree to an opening brief of up to 45 pages (assuming Plaintiffs would likewise agree that Defendants get up to 45 pages in their opposition), but Defendants oppose a request for additional pages beyond that. Plaintiffs consent to a corresponding increase in the page limit for Defendants' opposition at the page limit the Court sets for the opening memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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